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The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.



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1. Applicant filed a request for suspension on 3/21/2001. An office action including a rejection of pending claims 25-33 was mailed on 3/29/2001. The mailing date of the office action is later than the certificate of mailing date of Applicant's request for suspension (3/21/2001). Therefore, Applicant's request for suspension is timely and the office action mailed on 3/28/2001 is vacated.

2. Pursuant to applicant's request filed on 3/21/2001, action by the Office is suspended on this application under 37 CFR 1.103(a) for a period of 6 months. At the end of this period, applicant is required to notify the examiner and request continuance of prosecution or a further suspension. See MPEP § 709. Furthermore,

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Kalinowski, whose telephone number is (703) 305-2398. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. In addition, the examiner can be reached on alternate Fridays.

If any attempt to reach the examiner by telephone is unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Thomas, can be reached on (703) 305-9588. The fax telephone number for this group is (703) 305-7687 (for official communications including After Final communications labeled "Box AF").

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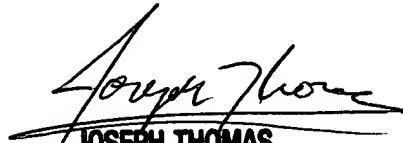
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